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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEApplicant: )  
DE GHELDERE, et al. )

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Title: PROCESSING SET AND METHODS )  
FOR PROCESSING AND TREATING )  
A BIOLOGICAL FLUID )

Group Art Unit: 1724 )

Examiner: Ivars C. Cintins )

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OFFICIALSUPPLEMENT TO AMENDMENT B

Sir/Madam:

This is in further response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2002. A response (Amendment B) to that Office Action was mailed by Express Mail on October 7, 2002 (Express Mail Label EV036893282US). A copy of that Amendment B is attached hereto for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants wish to supplement the Remarks that accompanied Amendment B. Specifically, Applicants wish to note that Claim 24 was also amended by removing the reference to "UVA"

photoactivation in that claim. Thus, Claim 24, as amended, includes, among other things, "a first container for holding a biological fluid and a photochemical agent during photoactivation treatment, wherein said container is made of a material that is substantially translucent to light in the photoactivating wavelength range." Thus, Claim 24, as amended, no longer refers specifically to the UVA wavelength range. New Claim 39, which depends from Claim 24, was added and it recites a first container that is made of a material that is substantially translucent to photoactivating light in the UVA range.

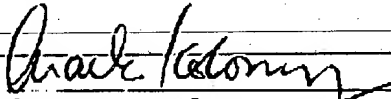
As set forth in the Amendment of October 7, 2002, the system described in the primary reference (Bischof) is a flow through system. The bags in Bischof are not intended for placement inside an illumination device. Accordingly, there is no suggestion in Bischof that the bags be translucent to light in the photoactivating range, whether that is UVA light or light of another wavelength.

Applicants request that these additional remarks be considered together with the Remarks in the October 7, 2002, Amendment B. Applicants further request that all of the pending claims be reconsidered and allowed.

Both the Amendment B of October 7, 2002, and this Supplemental Amendment are being submitted within the 3-month

extended period of time obtained pursuant to the Petition for Extension of Time (copy enclosed). It is believed that no additional fee is due with this Supplement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account 50/1039 for any fee, including any Petition fee that may be required for Amendment B or this Supplement.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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